THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Group of Ministers (GOM) on Civil Aviation has decided upon the financial package for the airline.

(b) No such information is available with or maintained by the Government.

(c) and (d) Group of Ministers is exploring all possible solutions for bringing Air India in good financial health.

Shortage of vaccines in the country

*73. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of children are dying in the country because of an acute shortage of vaccines for preventable diseases;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government had received reports from State Governments about deaths of children due to shortage of vaccines; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the shortage of vaccines?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the information available, no death due to shortage of vaccines has been reported.

(c) To avoid any shortages in availability of vaccines, orders have already been placed on Public Sector and Private manufacturing units for 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Gender specific allocation in PRIs

*74. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the gender specific allocation in Panchayats and local bodies;

(b) whether special resources for training women in Panchayati Raj, Institutions (PRIs) also being considered; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (DR. C.P. JOSHI): (a) There is no such proposal in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

(b) and (c) Yes. Ministry of Panchayati Raj has made special resources available for training Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) under a scheme called Panchayat Mahila Shakti Abhiyan. The expenditure under this scheme during 2008-09 was Rs. 4.4 crores.

Sharing of black money information by Swiss Banks

*75. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: